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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 1207-115 In re Patent Application of 2 Rec'd PCT/PTC Shuichi KUBOTA et al. C/A.U. Not vet as Serial No. 10/530,7174 Examiner: Not yet assigned Filed: April 8, 2005 Date: June 10, 2005 SPHERICAL ANNULAR Title: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: minus highest number 16 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ 20 (at least 20) = minus highest number 2 x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ 3 (at least 3) =0

Total effective claims after amendment previously paid for Independent claims after amendment previously paid for If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add \$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$ Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) paper and attachment(s) Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) \$ \$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add ☐ Statement filed herewith Applicant claims "small entity" status. Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$180.00 (1806) \$ \$40.00 (8021) Assignment Recording Fee \$ Other: **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 0.00

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